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**SUBJECT:** Court Clerk Required To Provide Only Last 4 Digits Of Social Security Number On Abstracts Of Judgments Or Decrees

## SUMMARY

This bill would limit the use of a Social Security Number (SSN) to the last four digits on an abstract of judgment and other court document ordering a party to pay money.

## PURPOSE OF THE BILL

According to the author's staff, the purpose of this bill is to prevent identity theft.

## EFFECTIVE/OPERATIVE DATE

This bill would be effective on January 1, 2008, and would be operative on or after that date.

## POSITION

Pending.

## ANALYSIS

### FEDERAL/STATE LAW

Under current state law, when an abstract of judgment or decree requiring payment of money is certified by the clerk of the court, certain information is required to be shown in the abstract, including the following:

- Name and last known address of the judgment debtor,
- Amount of the judgment, and
- SSN and driver's license number of debtor, if known.

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## THIS BILL

This bill would replace the requirement that an abstract of judgment contain the debtor's full SSN with the requirement that only the last four digits of the debtor's SSN be shown. The requirement to use the last four digits of the SSN would be applicable to other related court documents, such as an Amendment to an Abstract of Judgment or a Notice of Support Arrearage for family, spousal, or child support.

## IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS

Implementing this bill would not impact the department's programs or operations.

## **LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

SB 644 (Correa et. al, 2007/2008), would limit the use of an SSN to the last four digits on an abstract of judgment and other court document ordering a party to pay money. This bill would also require the Judicial Council to revise its forms by April 1, 2008, to require only the last four digits of the SSN. This bill has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

This bill would not impact the department's costs because the manner in which non tax debts are reflected in the judgments referred to Franchise Tax Board for collection will remain the same.

## **ECONOMIC IMPACT**

This bill would not impact state income tax revenues.

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